



U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20207

Record of Commission Action
Commissioners Voting by Ballot*

Commissioners Voting: Chairman Hal Stratton
Commissioner Thomas H. Moore
Commissioner Mary Sheila Gall

ITEM:

Proposal to Move the Information Clearinghouse from the Commission's Directorate for Epidemiology to the Office of the Secretary

DECISION:

The Commission voted unanimously (3-0) to approve moving the Information Clearinghouse division from the Directorate for Epidemiology within the Office of Hazard Identification and Reduction (EXHR/EP) to the Office of the Secretary (OS).

Commissioner Moore submitted the attached statement to accompany his vote.

For the Commission:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd A. Stevenson".

Todd A. Stevenson
Secretary

* Ballot vote due June 17, 2003

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